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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF  
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MEMORANDUM SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: 130th Engineer Brigade Policy Letter # 7 - Commander's Safety Policy

1. The mission of this Brigade is to maintain a combat-ready force that is well trained to conduct combat operations. Past major conflicts reveal that we have two enemies on the battlefield: the enemy and ourselves. Accidental losses drain on our operational assets and adversely affect our combat capability.
2. I am the Brigade Safety Officer. I expect all leaders to make deliberate, written risk assessments before every training event. Always keep accident prevention in your mind. Integration of risk management is the only way to deal with unit safety and reduce the risks to soldiers in order to preserve our combat-ready force. A safety briefing is more than saying "be safe"; it is a briefing of the risks and the control measures that will reduce or eliminate the risk of an operation.
3. Each commissioned and noncommissioned officer is a safety officer. A certain amount of risk may have to be accepted and can be managed if properly assessed. However, never put a soldier at an unnecessary risk. An unnecessary risk is one that if taken, will not contribute meaningfully to mission accomplishment.
4. I want everyone to have a proactive safety attitude. Do not limit your accident prevention efforts to duty hours. Non-duty accidents are as tragic and costly as any other.
5. Our success in preventing serious accidents depends on the strict compliance of this policy. Make written risk assessments and never accept an unnecessary risk.

GREGG F. MARTIN  
COL, EN  
Commanding

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